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ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 ADP-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-09 H-02 INR-10 L-03

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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0057

C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 6196

E. O. 11652 GDS

TAGS MILI VS

SUBJECT MEKONG RIVER CONVOY

FOLLOWING MSG REC FROM AMCONSUL CAN THO ACTION EMBASSY SAIGON
INFO EMBASSY PHNOM PENH REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO:

C O N F I D E N T I A L CAN THO 0178

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT MEKONG RIVER CONVOY

REFERENCE: CAN THO 0171

1. ADMIRAL HUNG, COMMANDER OF NAVAL FORCES IN MR IV, STATED
CATEGORICALLY APRIL 12 NO ORDERS REPEAT NO ORDERS HAVE BEEN
ISSUED FOR MERCHANT SHIPS AT TAN CHAU TO RETURN TO
VUNG TAU. HUNG SAID NINE SHIPS WERE STILL DOCKED AT TAN CHAU
AWAITING CLEARANCE TO PROCEED TO PHNOM PENH.

2. HUNG SAID THAT SEVERAL SHIP CAPTAINS HAD COMPLAINED APRIL 11
THAT THEY WERE OUT OF MONEY AND THEY WANTED TO RETURN TO VUNG TAU.
HUNG WAS INFORMED THAT THE MERCHANT CREWS RECEIVED FUNDS FROM
SAIGON APRIL 12 AND THAT THE PROBLEM IS SOLVED.

3. EARLIER APRIL 12 BGEN NGUYEN VAN LAC, CHIEF OF STAFF OF MR IV,
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SAID THAT A 9 TH DIVISION REGIMENT WAS STILL OPERATING TO
CLEAR THE MEKONG RIVER EAST BANK IN HONG NGU DISTRICT. THE 9 TH
DIVISION IS ATTACKING A REPORTED VC/ NVA TWO BATTALION FORCE
OCCUPYING THE RIVER BANK. THE OPERATION IS CONTINUING AND
MR IV HAS NOT YET AUTHORIZED THE CONVOY TO PROCEED TO THE
CAMBODIAN BORDER. BARNES
BUNKER

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